

Cambridge, Mass  
July 16, 1862

My Dear Sir.

Many thanks!  
But as the specimens  
of Girdyia pubescens  
are so young that I  
fear they may not  
develop in water,  
Please send me 2 or  
3 spikes in flower —  
just the spikes, and not  
by Express but by mail  
in a little paste-board  
box say as long as an  
ordinary letter —

I enclose the box itself.  
Please send it back with  
the spikes in it. & make  
Ours yours truly  
Arthur Gray